



SATURDAY EVENING, SEPT. 8, 1906.

AN ATTEMPT is being made in Washington to get up a crusade against church bells. That the ringing of such bells is a nuisance is the burden of a complaint recently made to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. The complainant says he counted one morning forty-two strokes of a church bell in one continuous ring, and on last Sunday the bell rang continuously for nearly 100 strokes. He calls attention to the fact that there are churches of all denominations throughout the city that have no bells and get along fairly well. It has been a mooted question for some time whether in this day the ringing of bells of any description is really necessary. Many, however, think Sunday would be despoiled of one of its traditional accompaniments should the bells remain mute on that day. A prominent and esteemed citizen of Alexandria, long since gathered to the fathers, made a life-long protest against this medieval practice, and occasionally appeared in print in his remonstrances. He, however, proved to be fighting the air, as the custom was in no manner diminished during his day nor has it up to this time. Previous to the year 1871, when five destroyed the market building in this city, it was supposed that there could not be a meeting of Council until the janitor ascended into the steeple and rang the council bell for half an hour. This would sound as strange now as the ringing of the curfew bell. In the olden time ferry boats running between this city and Washington, while lying at their docks at each end of the route, sounded their whistles about every five minutes and rang their bells an equal length of time. Previous to leaving their slips the bells were tolled for five minutes. These customs have long since been abandoned and the world still moves on, and with more animation than at any time since the creation. It is argued by some that the spirit and letter of the commandment forbidding work on Sunday is violated when sextons are compelled to doff their coats and swing to the bell rope for ten or fifteen minutes morning and night in order to notify people to come to church. This work is especially onerous during the prevalence of hot waves. These objections say that the bell in this day is akin to the muezzin on the top of Mahometan mosques summoning the faithful to prayer.

A PERPLEXING problem confronts the Ishmian Canal Commission as the result of an apparent effort on the part of the steel trust to practice extortion, and it may be necessary to appeal to the President before a final decision is reached. It appears that the commission advertised for five thousand tons of steel rails for use on the isthmus, and, as stated in Thursday's Gazette, the United States Steel Products Export Company, of New York, a subsidiary of the steel trust, was the only bidder. The price asked for the rails is \$29.45 a ton f. o. b., Baltimore, or \$45.70 laid down in Colon. These prices are regarded as extortionate, and it is recalled that when Congress passed the Aldrich resolution providing that materials for the canal should be purchased in the United States it expressly stipulated unless an attempt at extortion was made by American bidders. It remains, therefore, for the commission finally to determine if its impression that this price is extortionate is accurate, and if so it may be necessary to go into the foreign market, where the same rails made by the same trust could be purchased at a materially lower figure. A careful investigation of all the circumstances is being made, and, as indicated, it may be necessary to submit the facts to Secretary Taft and to the President before a decision is reached. If they do not see that extortionate rates have been charged the government for these rails they are blind.

AS HAS been stated in the Gazette during the past few years, the shad industry is in great danger and Fish Commissioner George M. Bowers, in his annual report, makes the same observation. He says that unless the States promptly take some action by which a fair percentage of the shad may reach their spawning grounds the future of this fish is gloomy. It has been known for some time that trawls and other wholesale devices in Chesapeake bay and the mouth of the Potomac prevent shad from ascending the river into fresh water. Shad are becoming scarcer every year, and they will soon be beyond the reach of people of limited means. The States should have taken action in the matter years ago.

A FAMOUS German scientist who has made a life study of the beauty of women of all nations considers that he found the most perfect and harmonious development of form among the Japanese. His ideal proportion differs slightly from the standard of beauty left us by the Greeks. He should have come to America before announcing his decision.

If the republican claim that the tariff protects the farmer was honest, the tariff duty of 25 cents a bushel on wheat should keep the price up instead of it gradually falling as it now is.

### From Washington.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. Washington, Sept. 8.

In a cablegram to the State Department United States Ambassador Leishman, at Constantinople, expresses the belief that he will be given his first audience by the Sultan of Turkey in a few days. He says the health of the Sultan is daily improving, and that he has notified the French and British Ambassadors he will receive them in a day or two. Mr. Leishman believes his audience, which will constitute an official recognition of the his new ambassadorial rank, will be given very soon. Mr. Leishman is the first United States Ambassador to Turkey. Although he has been in Constantinople for many weeks now, he has not yet received any official recognition from the Sultan, and it has been a source of considerable speculation in official and diplomatic circles as to whether it was the Sultan's intention ever to recognize him as an Ambassador. For many reasons the Turkish government regretted the elevation of Mr. Leishman from a Minister to an Ambassador. The Sultan did not desire to have the diplomatic representative of the United States in Turkey an Ambassador, and consequently entitled to have personal audience with the Sultan. Neither was Turkey anxious to incur the additional expense of having an Ambassador in this country.

A letter has been received at the office of the Governor from Commissioner Koener, who has been traveling in England and Europe for the last three months in interest of immigration. Mr. Koener has landed at Montreal, Canada, and is making a tour of the provinces with a view to acquainting the farmers of that country with the many advantages to be gained in this state. Mr. Koener writes that he has secured the services of several good agents in England, Scotland and Ireland, as well as in Europe, and he expresses confidence that they will send a great many desirable men during the fall and winter.

The Interstate Commerce Commission announces that the old case against the Union Pacific Railway Company, involving payment of elevator allowances to Peavy & Co., will be reopened in the United States Court rooms in Chicago September 17.

The government purposes to wipe out the anti-Mexican junta at St. Louis if it can be done with any shadow of law. Officials of the administration are indignant over the existence in this country of a body men who have been harassing the friendly government of Mexico. As soon as the Department of Justice received the complaint of the State Department, machinery looking to a quick but thorough investigation was set in motion.

Foreseeing a shortage of mine props, due to the rapid devastation of the forest in the bituminous coal regions of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, the forest service of the Department of Agriculture has inaugurated a campaign for forest planting in this section. The H. C. Frick Coke Company, which owns many farms in Westmoreland and Fayette counties, Pa., has already adopted the suggestions of the service.

The Department of Justice this morning received a telegram from Marshal Daniels, announcing the arrest of 30 Mexicans and other residents of Arizona on the charge of organizing an insurrection against the Mexican government. The hearing will be held in Douglas this afternoon.

The Navy Department has been advised by the Union Iron Works that the new battleship California will be ready for her official trial by the first of October.

Beginning today the State Department will maintain strict secrecy with regard to the case of Paul O. Stensland, the defaulting banker of Chicago, Ill., Acting Secretary of State Adee said today that no intimation of the plan adopted for bringing Stensland back to the U. S. from Tangier, Morocco would be made public in order to prevent his return home by trial.

It is the understanding in army circles that the new paymaster general will be Col. Culver S. Sniffen, at present chief paymaster of the department of the east with headquarters in New York. The present paymaster general, Brig. Gen. Francis S. Dodge, will retire next Tuesday by operation of law.

Guy Chase Van Alstyne, who is known in this city as a broker, has been sued by his wife for divorce. Mrs. Katherine P. Newman, otherwise known as Mrs. Katherine P. Allison, is named as co-respondent.

It is now said that Attorney General Moody will go to the Supreme Court bench this fall; that Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte will succeed Attorney Gen. Moody; that George von L. Myer, ambassador to St. Petersburg, will enter the Cabinet as the head of the Navy Department; and that Secretary of War Taft will remain in his present position.

Brig. Gen. Robert M. O'Reilly, surgeon general of the army, has been detailed for another tour of four years service at the head of the medical department, his first term having expired yesterday.

It has been decided by the War Department to publish as a government document the history of the Philippine uprising as it is told in the documents captured or otherwise obtained in the Philippines. The work has been put in type after several years of work by Capt. J. E. M. Taylor, 14th infantry. Many of the original papers were written in Tagalog and bear the signature of Aguinaldo.

### Hippie Said to be a Forger.

Philadelphia, Sept. 8.—That Hippie, the suicide wrecker of the Real Estate Trust Company, was a forger to the amount of over \$250,000, was the chief finding in financial circles today. Receiver Earle discovered the fact of the forgery last night and he confirmed the report this morning. According to the signatures of a number of prominent business men in this city. To meet his overdrafts, Hippie would use one of these names to a note. The receiver refuses to make public the names used by Hippie.

The fact that the directors of the closed Real Estate Trust Company announce their readiness to subscribe \$2,000,000 or more to bring about a resumption of business, will not, according to District Attorney Bell, save these men from criminal prosecution if it becomes plain that Hippie's stealing resulted from their neglect or worse.

### News of the Day.

Electioneer, winner of the Futurity, has been sold to Felix Isman for \$30,000. Ten cents has been fixed as a minimum price for which cotton should be sold this season by the executive committee of the Southern Cotton Association.

W. J. Bryan said that he would be unable to take part in the campaign in New York. He says also that he dreads the proposed trips to Panama, and Australia, and may not take them.

Greatest of all events in the history of Baltimore will be the gala jubilee demonstration to be inaugurated Sunday and continue throughout the coming week. All plans for the celebration have been perfected.

An inmate of the asylum for the insane at Gora Kalwaria, about thirty miles from Warsaw, secured an axe Thursday, and although he had previously been quite inoffensive, ran amuck through the institution, killing seven of his fellow-lunatics before he was overpowered.

A dispatch from Charlotte, N. C., says that Eastus Spurrier, a white man, was placed on the main line of the Southern Railway, near the dividing line between the Carolinas, by drunken negroes, and train No. 40 crushed the negro's head into a mass of pulp. Spurrier's refusal to give the negroes more liquor caused a quarrel, during which they knocked him senseless and then placed the body on the rails.

The seventh annual convention of the United National Association of Postoffice Clerks which has been in session in Savannah, Ga., adjourned Thursday after electing officers to meet next year in Peoria, Ill. It was announced that the association would not become affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The association took the stand that while the attitude toward the federation was most amicable, it would not be advisable to become affiliated with it.

Emperor William has decorated Cardinal Kopp with the Order of the Black Eagle, the highest Prussian decoration. This is the first time the order has ever been conferred upon a Catholic prelate. It is remarked that the relations between the German government and the Vatican have grown closer since the church and State situation in France became acute. The headquarters of Cardinal Kopp are at Breslau, where he has steadily used his influence in bettering the relations between the Poles and the Prussian authorities.

A prominent law officer of the government states that the President intends to nominate Attorney General Moody, of Massachusetts, as justice of the Supreme Court. There is a vacancy created by the retirement last May of Justice Brown. The place was offered Secretary Taft soon after Justice Brown retired, but the offer was taken under consideration.

The opinion has been growing that Mr. Taft will decline. The authority for the report that Mr. Moody will be selected states that Mr. Taft has already announced his decision to the President.

A revolution is in progress at Mogador, on the Atlantic coast of Morocco. The insurgent tribes are attacking the town. The French Minister at Tangier has sent the cruiser Galilee to the scene of the disturbance, and the representatives of the other powers have cabled for men-of-war. The disturbances were caused by the high handed action of Andouss Kaid in supporting outside tribes in demanding that Jews living in Mogador return to Mellah, the Jewish quarter, or otherwise their houses would be sacked. These Jews have lived in the town many years, but the Moorish law requires them to live in Mellah. Andouss had no authority for acting.

### Sullivan and Bryan.

Roger C. Sullivan, member from Illinois of the democratic national committee, has issued a lengthy statement, in which he replies to the attacks made upon him by Mr. Bryan. He accuses the Nebraska man with stating deliberate untruths, of equivocating like a shifty pettifogger, and with being a professional presidential candidate for the advertising and money there is in it, after having proved a failure as a lawyer and an editor. He says:

"If I hold my position on the democratic national committee by fraud, I ought to resign; if Mr. Bryan has falsely accused me of profiting by fraud, then he ought to quit running for president, because no man is fit to be a candidate for that high office who goes in public and lies about any member of his party. Therefore, I propose that Mr. Bryan and I put the issue as between us up to the men who set as delegates in the Springfield convention two years ago."

### Accident to a Trolley Car.

Three men were killed and a score of others injured in a grade crossing accident last night at Twenty-fifth street and Passyunk avenue, near the Atlantic Refining Company's plant in Philadelphia. Shortly before 5 o'clock a trolley car containing about fifty passengers, all men returning from work at the oil refinery, was struck by a train of empty tank cars on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Owen Sweeney, aged 25 years, was ground to pieces under the wheels of a tank car, and Julius Bewar, aged 60 years, and an unknown man died later at a hospital. Twenty others were conveyed to various hospitals, but none of these is believed to be seriously injured. A shuffling engine was backing the train and the motorman of the trolley car thought he could cross the railroad tracks before the tank car struck that point. The last tank car struck the trolley car full in the side, overturning it and forcing it 15 feet along the railroad track.

### Actress Shot.

Mrs. J. T. Clark, a trapeze performer with Cole Bros' circus, was shot in the abdomen Thursday night at Staunton, and probably fatally wounded. The police are searching for her husband, who is charged with the shooting. Mrs. Clark says her husband did not shoot her, but that she was shot by James Richardson, another showman, while trying to separate Richardson and her husband, who were fighting. The shooting occurred in the dressing room when the circus was nearly over, and the manager kept the affair so quiet that it was some time before the police could find out what had happened. The woman was taken to her car at the Chesapeake and Ohio depot, and later removed to the hospital. Clark was later arrested at the hospital, where he was with his wife, but he made his escape from two policemen and is still at large.

### How's This?

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### List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoffice up to September 8, 1906:

Cooper, May; Edwards, Flora; Garner, Walter; Butler, W. E.; Jones, Mattie; Johnson, M. E. (3); Johnson, Myron; Johnson, Mary E.; Johnson, Gary; Johnson, Willie; Piquet, Annie. Page, Miss M.; Pullman, William; Riggs, H. A.; Robinson, John; Reed, Louis; Remstry, Lou D.; Tremaine, R. L.; Tover, William; Winston, S. S.; White, Capt. William; White, William; Thomas Burroughs, P. M.

### Virginia News.

Robert Cooper, of lower Fauquier county, died Thursday at his home at Bristerburg after a brief illness, aged forty-six years.

The barn, with contents, belonging to Oscar O. Hutchinson, of Pleasant Valley, Loudoun county, was destroyed by fire on Thursday. The loss was \$5,000 and the insurance \$1,000.

Because of pressure of official business and an imperative demand for the disposition of matters of great importance to the State, Gov. Swanson yesterday announced that he would be compelled to decline the invitation to attend the fair at Radford, and to preside at the meeting which is to be addressed by William Jennings Bryan September 15.

A freight wreck occurred in the yards of the Southern Railway at Claremont, near Richmond, yesterday. From the uptown yards to the river, a distance of a mile, is a very steep grade, and in pushing down a trainload of lumber the engineer lost control. The train dashed toward the river at a mile-a-minute rate, but the switch was turned, and instead of running into the river the train jumped the track, piling cars and lumber in a splintered mass. In a box car next to the engine were several men, and although it turned completely over, only one man was hurt. The train struck a car loaded with box shooks ready for shipping by the Claremont Lumber and Box Company, destroying car and contents. The damage will amount to \$20,000.

### COURT OF APPEALS.

In the Court of Appeals at Staunton yesterday the argument was concluded in the case of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company against MacDonell, administratrix, from the Circuit Court of Clarke county.

The case of Joel Baley Davis against Augusta county, from the Corporation Court of the city of Charlottesville, was argued in part and continued until Monday.

A. W. May, who has for many years been assistant clerk of the court at Staunton and for four years librarian, was elected clerk, to succeed Joseph A. Waddell, who has been clerk for many years. His term had expired.

The next cases to be called are the town of Glasgow against Matthews, and Smiley against the Provident Life and Trust Company.

### Serious Conditions in Cuba.

The Cuban government has declared for a 10-day armistice, but Pino Guerra, commander of the rebel forces, will not accept it. The insurgents have dynamited two Western Railway bridges between Pinar del Rio and San Luis, blocking the advance of the government troops.

Guerra is also reported to have taken San Juan de Martinez. Rapid fire guns and troops have been hurried forward to protect workmen sent to restore rail communication. Liberal leaders decline to consider further negotiations for peace. Managers of large foreign business interests in Havana express the belief that the Palma government cannot subdue the rebels. Government troops are deserting to the insurgents at Cienfuegos. Fighting continues in Santa Clara province, but the casualties are not heavy.

### Muster Rolls Returned.

One hundred and fifty-three muster rolls, which were the subject of litigation with J. C. Wrenn and the secretary of military records for the State of Virginia, have been returned to the office of Major R. W. Hunter, in Richmond. The records were given into the custody of the State and were sent to Washington to be copied. They will now be used to complete the records of the State, and will be filed away with the other papers in the office of the secretary. The records are in an excellent state of preservation. Mr. Wrenn acquired the records by purchase and was anxious to retain them, the case being compromised by the governor paying Mr. Wrenn an agreed amount from the contingent fund.

### Wildcat Gets Him Down.

Samuel Turner, of Springbrook town, near Sheridan, Pa., had a thrilling fight with a big wildcat the other night, in which he was seriously clawed and bitten. Turner lives on a farm, and was on his way home from the village store. It was a moonlight night, and suddenly a dark form sprang at him from the underbrush. He was hurled violently to the ground and was being clawed in a frightful manner when he succeeded in drawing a large hunting-knife. This he succeeded in plunging into the breast of the beast. Bleeding and almost exhausted, he examined the dead animal, and was amazed to find it was a huge wildcat.

In these days of rush and hurry courtesy is often forgotten. In the mad, pell-mell rush of our little life things are done to offend that we rather remain undisturbed. A hastily eaten meal and its resultant headache may cause us social or financial loss. The wise man or woman is the one who relieves little ills of this sort by a little dose of Kodol for Dyspepsia. It digests what you eat. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co., 401 King street.

The Book News Monthly for September has been received from its publisher, John Wasmann, Philadelphia. It celebrates its "silver anniversary" by marked improvement in substance and make-up. Two new departments, especially of use to interested: "The Book Outlook" and "The Old Bookshop."

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### Today's Telegraphic News

CAMBRIDGE WINS RACE. Putney, Eng., Sept. 8.—Ideal weather conditions prevailed for the boat race today between the variety crews of the Harvard and Cambridge. Overhead the sun shone brightly and there was not a ripple on the Thames. These conditions were favorable to Cambridge, as the light blue crew does not like rough water.

On the strength of the weather conditions betting this morning jumped to 12 to 10 in favor of Cambridge. Although the race was not scheduled to begin until 4:30 o'clock, spectators began arriving on the scene early in the morning. By noon, there were thousands waiting at all the advantageous points along the course, which is in the form of a huge horseshoe, four and a quarter miles long.

Harvard was out on the river this morning for a ten minutes' practice trial. Starts only were attempted and the Yankees showed great rapidity in getting away. Thousands of Americans who had already gathered along the course cheered the crew.

Early in the afternoon excursion boats bearing thousands of anxious spectators began to take up their positions along the river. An hour before the time for the race to start it was estimated that fully 100,000 persons were lined up on the banks.

Whitlaw Reid, the American Ambassador, with a party of friends occupied a small launch.

The betting this afternoon switched again a trifle in favor of Harvard. Plenty of Harvard money was wagered at odds of 6 to 5 in favor of Cambridge where the early betting had been at 13 to 10.

Both crews were given a great ovation when they appeared on the river and proceeded towards the starting point.

Cambridge this morning won the toss and Captain Goldsmith chose the Surrey side, or south course. This gave the Cambridge crew a considerable initial advantage, as the water had roughened somewhat by the time the race began. A slight southwest wind was blowing at the time.

Promptly at 4:29 the start was made. Cambridge, as was expected, took a slight lead at the start.

The start was made at 4:29, and after a very exciting contest Cambridge won the race by two lengths. The time was 19 minutes and 18 seconds.

The record for the four and a quarter miles course from Putney to Mortlake is 18 minutes and 47 seconds. Harvard in a practice trial just one week ago, covered the distance in 18 minutes and 50 seconds.

An unfortunate error on the part of the Coxswain Blagden, who steered the Harvard shell too far out at Chiswick, at a critical juncture, when Harvard was beginning to overhaul her opponent, probably cost Harvard the race, as it enabled Cambridge to make a fresh gain at a time when Harvard should have gone to the front.

At the half way point Harvard had cut down Cambridge's advantage to a length and a quarter. Both crews were at that time pulling a 37 stroke. At this Harvard sent her shell through the water faster than her opponent. Between the half and two-thirds points, Cambridge made a spur and gained a quarter of a length, putting her a length and a half to the good. Then came Blagden's break.

The scene at the finish was one which has seldom if ever been equalled in the history of racing in England. Enthusiastic supporters of Cambridge rushed into the water trying to reach the victors. Cheering continued for fully ten minutes. Taken all in all, the race was one of the finest ever seen on this historic course.

Cambridge's victory is regarded as a triumph for the English style of rowing as the condition of the crews was such that there was little to choose between them individually. Cambridge led from the start, breaking away at the signal with the swift stroke which was expected to put them to the front in the early stage of the race. Harvard made a valiant effort to overtake the leaders, but was unable to do so.

Cambridge's victory was clear and fair. Her position was never seriously endangered, as it is impossible to say what Harvard would have been able to do had not Blagden's error practically put her out of the running.

The time of the race did not come up to expectations. Cambridge finished in 19 minutes and 18 seconds. This is 31 seconds slower than the record, and 28 seconds slower than Harvard rowed in a practice trial last Saturday. After the race, Filley of the Harvard, called out to friends in a nearby launch, "We did our best. That is all."

Harvard's defeat by Cambridge today has only whetted the desire of the Americans for another trial with the English crew, and it is probable another match will be asked for next year.

### Democratic Literary Bureau.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—The following was issued today by Robert Miller, editor of the literary bureau of the democratic national committee: "The report published this morning that the literary bureau of the national democratic committee has gone out of business is a mistake. We are supplying democratic newspapers with democratic matter and they are publishing it. The report that the bureau had been closed, must have originated in the fact that some of the office force that were helping get up the campaign book for the congressional committee were dispensed with, in consequence of the completion of that work, which is now in the hands of the printer. The bureau is in no way advocating or depressing the political fortunes of any prospective candidate for the presidency or any other political office. The bureau confines its work to advancing democratic doctrines about which there is no dispute and in exposing republican fallacies to the best of its ability."

### Motions Overruled.

Findlay, O., Sept. 8.—Judge Banker today overruled motions to quash the information filed against John D. Rockefeller and in all the Standard Oil Company cases. Pleas of abatement were filed in each case and they were also overruled and the defendants given until next Tuesday to file motions.

### Imports of Sugar.

Boston, Sept. 8.—The arrivals of sugar-laden ships at the port of Boston during the past week have exceeded in quantities and value any previous week in the history of the port. Three ships brought 30,000,000 pounds, valued, duty paid, at about \$1,450,000.

### SERIOUS CONDITIONS IN CUBA.

Havana, Sept. 8.—Only President Palma's retirement from office and the holding of new elections throughout Cuba will bring peace to the country. This is the reply of Pino Guerra, commander of the insurgents in Pinar del Rio province, to the overtures made to him for a ten days' armistice in which the veterans' association hoped to be able to arrange for a permanent peace.

Havana today is excited by rumors that a big battle was in progress near Pinar del Rio city last night, but which have not been confirmed. The wires are out in the neighborhood of Pinar del Rio, and no news is coming through. If a fight has occurred there is little doubt that the insurgents have won. Guerra's force numbers between 3,000 and 4,000 men, while Colonel Avalos, commanding the loyalists, has only about 1,000 men, over half of whom are raw recruits.

Havana, Sept. 8.—Insurgents are advancing upon this city. An attack upon the outskirts has already been reported, and the greatest excitement prevails. It is believed the rebels aim to capture President Palma and the government authorities have been thrown into a state of panic.

Cienfuegos, Cuba, September 8.—Col. Guzman, the insurgent leader in this province, is reported to have broken the armistice to which he agreed, and to be moving on this city. Loyalist volunteers have deserted to his standard. An attack on Cienfuegos is momentarily expected.

Havana, Sept. 8. Capt. Avalos force of loyal troops is reported to have been surrounded in Pinar del Rio city, and the rebels have attacked the town. Communication by telegraph is cut, but reports reaching the city say bitter street fighting between the loyalist and insurgents is in progress.

Guerra is reported to have surrounded Pinar del Rio bottling up Avalos. The insurgents are now engaged in attacking the city, hoping to force Avalos to surrender his whole force.

### German General Elected.

Rome, Sept. 8.—Rev. Father Francis Wernz, rector of the Gregorian University, the dark horse candidate supported by the German delegates to the Congress of the Society of Jesus, was today elected general of the Jesuit order to succeed the late Father Martin. The election of Father Wernz is regarded as a great victory for Kaiser William. Father Wernz's election was forced by the German delegates at yesterday's conference, and only one ballot was required, the German priest receiving 42 out of a total of 81 votes. Father Rudolph Mayer, of St. Louis, was defeated by the refusal of the German delegates to support him. Compromise candidates were offered by the Italians and Spaniards to break the apparent deadlock. Father Vigo was the man put forward by the Spaniards and Father De la Motte by the Italians. Both men were rejected by the Germans, who urged political reasons in support of Father Wernz. The Kaiser, they said, wanted a German general, and they pointed out that the friendship of the German ruler would be greatly beneficial to the order in Germany. The new "Black Pope" was born in Rotterwell, in the south part of Germany, in 1842. He had been rector of the Gregorian University since 1904. He has made his home in Rome since 1886. Father Wernz is an eloquent public speaker, and has a great reputation as a scholar. He is a conservative intrinsigant. His election as general came as a great surprise.

### Head-on Collision.

Whiting, W. Va., Sept. 8.—Two passenger trains on the Ohio river division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad met in a head-on collision at Woodlawn, today. Many passengers are reported injured. A special train carrying physicians is on its way to the wreck.

A later dispatch says that two people were killed in the accident. Had it not been that the trains were going slowly at the time, a frightful wreck would undoubtedly have occurred. The bridge on which the trains collided is 30 feet high. As it was both trains stayed on the bridge. Heavy fog was responsible for the collision.

### Teachers to Marry.

New York, Sept. 8.—Dan Cupid is running amuck in Jersey City and twenty-three teachers in the public schools have tendered their resignations for "better or worse." The board of education accepted the resignations yesterday and today is on a